

Mr. H. Stewart Hay, 46, originally from Saskatoon, to be Ambassador to Kuwait. Mr. Hay (B.A. University of Saskatchewan, M.A. University of Texas, A.M. Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy) joined the Trade Commissioner Service of the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce in 1956 and has served abroad in Sydney, Melbourne, Mexico, Detroit, Philadelphia and Dallas where, since 1974, he has been Consul and Senior Trade Commissioner.

Mr. Hay will be the first resident Canadian Ambassador to Kuwait.

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Irene Johnson, 53, originally from Winnipeg, to be High Commissioner to New Zealand and concurrently to Fiji and Western Samoa. Irene Johnson (B.A., M.A., University of Toronto) joined the Public Service in 1962 after a career as a lecturer at the University of Western Ontario and an economist with the Nova Scotia Department of Trade and Industry. She has served as an economist in the Departments of Labour (1962-64), Industry (1964-67) and Finance (1967-69). From 1969-71 she was a Section Chief in the Labour Division of Statistics Canada and in 1971 served as a Group Chief in the Social and Cultural Division of the Treasury Board. From 1971-76 she was a Commissioner of the Public Service Commission of Canada. Since 1976 she has been Associate Executive Director of Employment Training in the Canadian Employment and Immigration Commission.

Irene Johnson replaces Mr. C. Glover who will be returning to headquarters in Ottawa.

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Mr. Paul Laberge, 43, originally from St. Boniface, Manitoba, to be High Commissioner to Trinidad and Tobago. Mr. Laberge (B. Comm., M.A. University of Ottawa) joined External Affairs in 1958 and has served abroad in Washington, Vietnam (ICSC), Paris (OECD) and Dakar. Since 1977 he has been Director of the Commodity and Energy Policy Division.

Mr. Laberge replaces Mr. A. Matheson who has been appointed Deputy Inspector General.